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## 1. Number of Standard-Gauge Passenger Cars Available:

a) Park of Operational Passenger Train Cars	
Special cars	196
Express train coaches	66
Fast train cars	175
Four-axle passenger train cars	703
Two- and three-axle passenger cars	5989
Four-axle luggage-vans	299
Two- and three-axle luggage vans	1001
<b>Total</b>	<b>8984</b>
b) Railroad Service Passenger Cars	
Cars used by brigade personnel	552
Cars used by Detachment escort personnel	152
Hospital trains reserved for the Soviet High Commission	143
Construction trains	640
First-aid trains	162
Measuring cars	12
Training Cars	18
Miscellaneous service cars	232
<b>Total</b>	<b>1816</b>

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Grand total of standard-gauge passenger cars

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## 2. Numbers of Narrow-Gauge Cars Available:

600-mm gauge:	21
730-mm "	587
900-mm "	34
1000-mm "	126

Total:            768            2

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3. [REDACTED] the high percentage of railroad service passenger cars is significant. Of 10,300 passenger cars available, 1,816 units, i.e. 17 percent of the total, belong to this category. One hundred ninety-six passenger cars are assigned to special trains; therefore, of every 100 passenger cars in existence, about 20 are not available to the public. This situation requires greater efforts in repairing damaged passenger cars. The conversion, at the Berlin-West railroad repair shop, of 150 boxcars into cabooses made it possible to release about 75 passenger cars from the park of railroad service. Not counting the passenger cars used by locomotive column brigades and the Soviet High Commission, it is believed that of the remaining 1,064 railroad service passenger cars, 200 units may be reconditioned for normal passenger traffic.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. On 31 January 1952, the following numbers of passenger cars were available:

Type of Cars	Operational	Damaged	Total
Express train	584	98	682
Coaches			
Fast train cars	243	10	253
Passenger train cars	6294	179	6473
Luggage-vans operating in passenger trains	1173	73	1246

The brigade cars mentioned in paragraph 1 b of the present report are used as cabooses by locomotive brigade personnel operating for the Soviets through Poland. Demittra personnel escorts Soviet supply and other "interest shipments" such as uranium ore shipments.

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2. [REDACTED] Narrow-gauge passenger cars available on 31 January 1952 included 754 operational and 98 damaged cars, i.e. a total of 852 cars.

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